

**In the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, lines 10-19, with the following:

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The executive 60 is a series of components, each of which implements two sets of functions: system services 74, which can be called from client programs as well as other executive components, and internal routines, which are available only to components within the executive. System services include (a) the object manager 60a, which is responsible for creating, managing and deleting objects (objects are abstract data structures used to represent operating system resources); (b) the process manager ~~60b~~ 60c, which is responsible for creating/terminating processes and threads, and for suspending/resuming execution of threads; and (c) the I/O manager 60f, which is responsible for implementing device-independent I/O facilities as well as device-dependent I/O facilities.